



**SANCTUARY ADVISORY  
COUNCIL'S ROLE IN THE  
MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW  
PROCESS**

**Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary**

# Sanctuary Advisory Council



## GOVERNMENT

US Navy

US Coast Guard

Minerals Management Service

Channel Islands National Park

National Marine Fisheries Service

CA Dept. of Fish and Game

California Resources Agency

California Coastal Commission

County of Santa Barbara

County of Ventura

## COMMUNITY

Recreation

Fishing

Tourism

Business

Education

Research

Conservation

Public At-large

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## Sanctuary Manager

### SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

#### Standing Working Groups

Conservation

Fishing

Education/MERA

Research/RAP

Military

Ports & Harbors

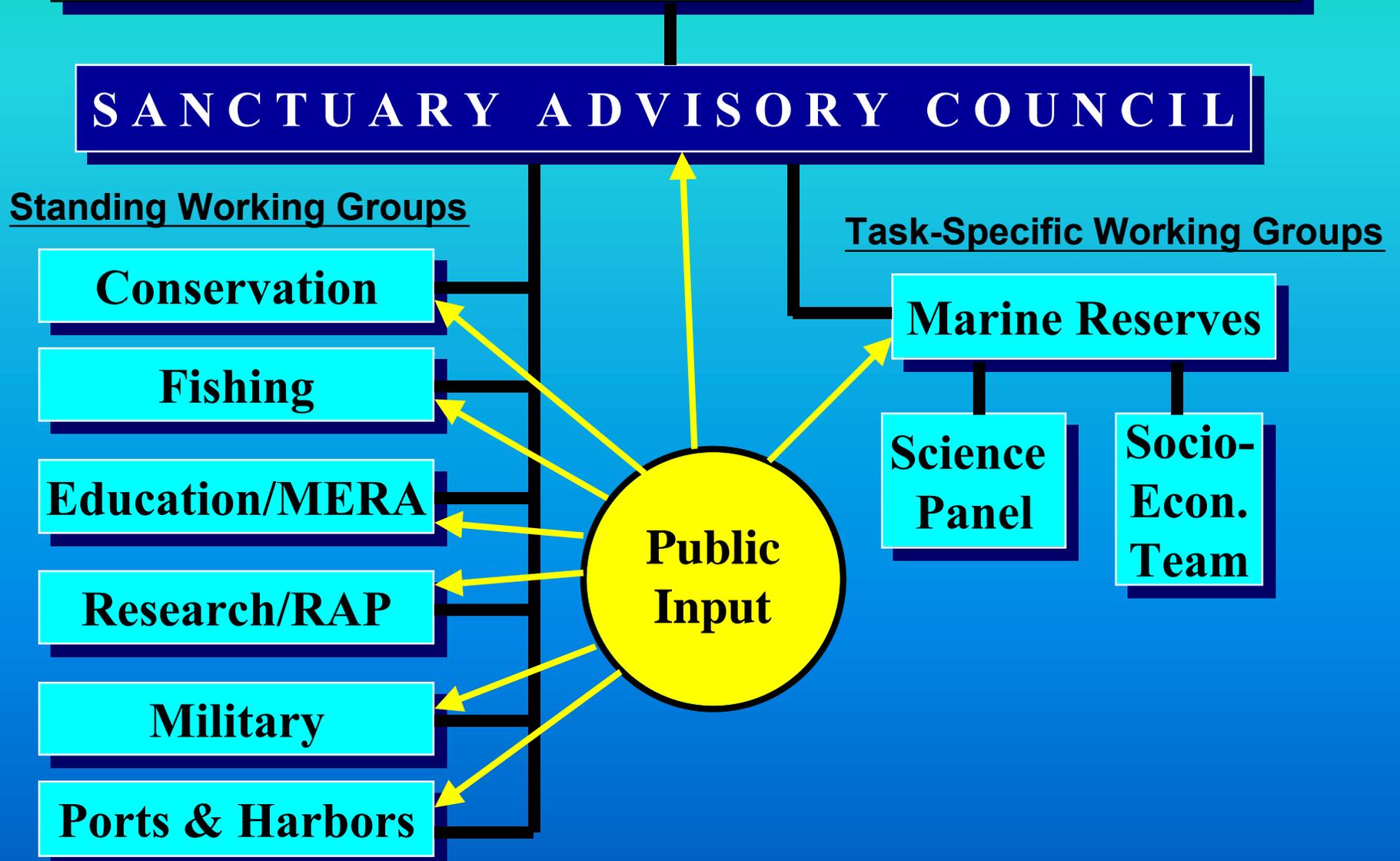
#### Task-Specific Working Groups

Marine Reserves

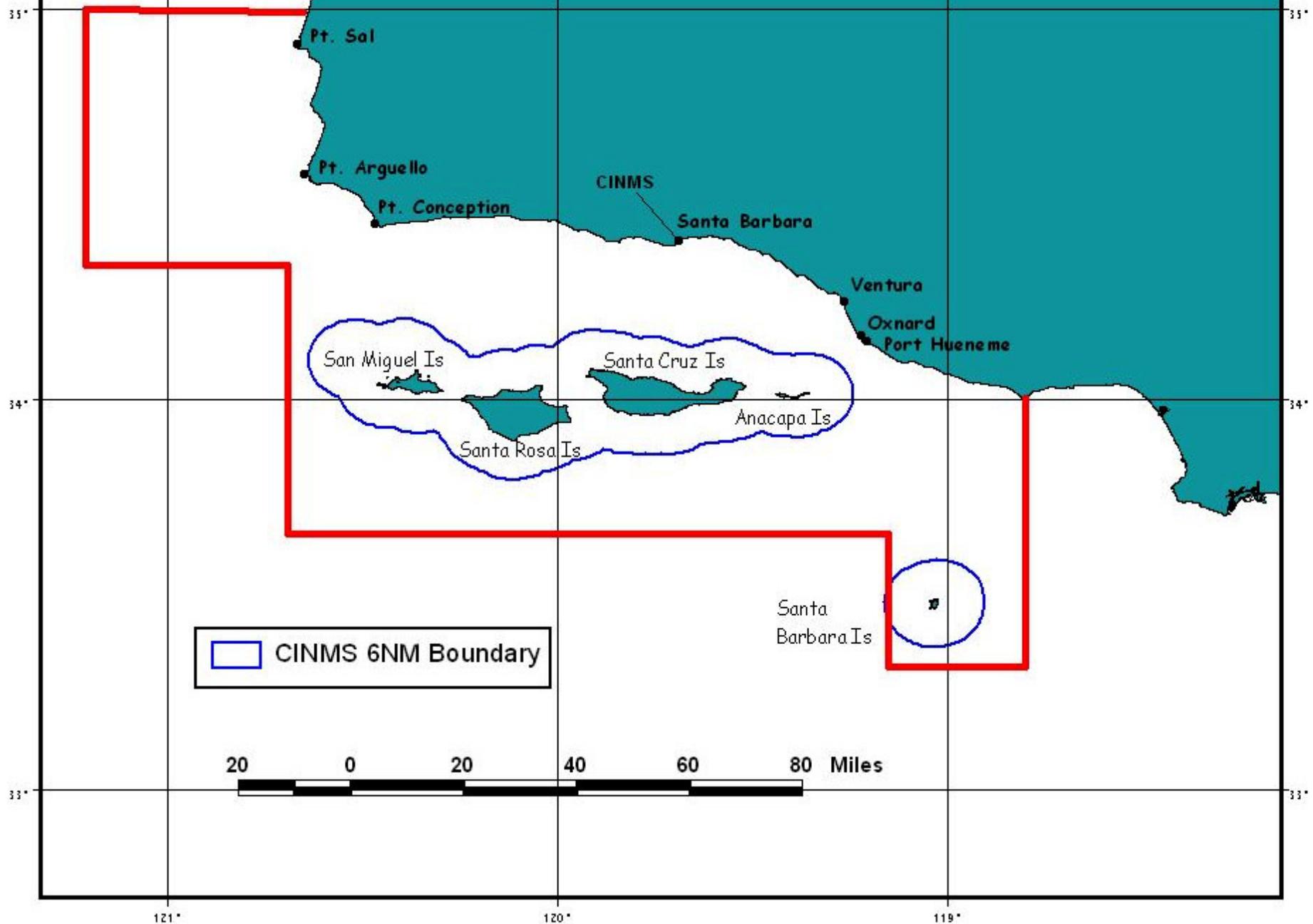
Science  
Panel

Socio-  
Econ.  
Team

Public  
Input



# Management Plan Study Area



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### Management Plan Issues

- Water Quality
- Military Activity
- Oil & Gas
- Emergency Response
- Visitor Use
- Cultural Resource Protection
- Zonation
- Boundary Redefinition
- Improved Resource Protection

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### Priority Focus Areas For 1999-2001:

- **Marine Reserves process**
- **Management Plan Revision process:**
  - SAC to assist with:
    - Data collection
    - Constituent outreach
    - Public Information Forums
    - Determination on Study Area
    - Review DEIS alternative selection (regs and boundary alternatives)

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### Management Plan Process

#### ■ SAC Management Plan Retreat (October 1999):

- Staff presentations on 5-year vision for program areas
- SAC input on development of new programs & improvement of existing operations

#### ■ Ongoing requests for SAC assistance with:

- Collection of data for DEIS
- Develop Framework for Management Plan Document
- Constituent outreach



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### Management Plan Process

#### ■ SAC assistance with Public Forums:

- Military and Coast Guard Activities (April 2000)
- Status of the Resources (May 2000)

#### ■ Working Group meetings and comments to SAC:

- Conservation Working Group
- Military Working Group
- Ports & Harbors Working Group

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### SAC Input

- Specific Votes on Issues
- Informal Consultation
- Input/Advice from SAC members

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### Management Plan Process

#### ■ SAC Advice on Boundaries and Regulations

- SAC Workshop on boundaries (May 2000)
- SAC Workshop on regulations (June 2000)
- SAC Advice on DEIS preferred alternative (August 2000)
- Dan Basta discussion with SAC on boundaries (Feb.2001)

#### ■ Next Steps

- NMSS decision on preferred boundary -- Fall 2001
- Release of DEIS/DMP -- Winter/Spring 2002

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### Management Plan Process - What's Worked Well

- SAC has been fully engaged in the process
- Community is very aware and involved
  - Attendance at meetings (50-75+)
  - High levels of media coverage
  - Extensive public comment (thousands of letters, e-mails, petitions)
- Major issues scoped out thoroughly with SAC
  - Especially boundary expansion
- Important assistance with data collection/review
- Partnerships and working relationships strengthened through SAC
- Informal Advice from SAC worked best

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### Management Plan -- Challenges/Lessons Learned

- SAC's decision making role in the management plan review process not clearly defined in the beginning - no prior framework
- SAC decided to not create management plan review subcommittee(s)
- Many of the decisions/recommendations the SAC were asked to make were too complex\divisive for such a large group of diverse backgrounds
- SAC voting on items less helpful; split votes
- Information overload: exceeded SACs time or ability to read and absorb necessary information to make informed decisions

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### Management Plan - Challenges /Lessons Learned

- Significant division of “camps” on SAC over key issues (i.e., boundary expansion)
- SAC not speaking with one voice on key issues
- Distrust in NOAA/CINMS -- suspect pre-determined agenda
- Process taking too long -- public and SAC frustrated

